

February 24, 1986 LB 122

opposed nay. Have you voted? Have you voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 12 ayes, 18 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: The motion to indefinitely postpone LB 122 has failed.

CLERK: I have nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: The motion is to advance the bill, but it is debatable. Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd urge you not to advance the bill. You should leave it set here, at least try to work out some amendments that are less damaging, more realistic than what we are faced with. As I have repeatedly said, there is a significant difference between 25 percent gross with adequate axles and what this bill proposes, which is a 15 percent overload on axles alone on the biggest vehicles, tandem axles and above. I would hope that you would at least let the bill set here and give it some more thought. And perhaps some other kind of amendment can be drafted because all anyone speaks to is the beet problem, and while I think the beet problem is not unimportant, I most certainly do not believe that there is any logic whatsoever that you would open up the whole state for second load overloads, from storage to market. There is no conceivable argument that you can make for the taxpayers of the state as a whole to do that. I'd urge that you vote not to advance the bill. Perhaps those who are pushing so hard, back of the windows, will understand that there is a limit to what damage can be justified. This far exceeds any rationale for that damage.

SENATOR CHRONISTER: Senator Haberman.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, members of the body, I wasn't going to try to confuse the body about axle weights, but beings Senator Warner brought the problem up, as it is now cattle trucks that run the entire length of the state, fully loaded, and some of these cattle have mud on them, snow and ice on them, they pick them up in the lot and they can't tell whether they are overloaded or not, but they can run the full length of the state and they cannot be cited